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In the period between 15 and 27 September 1950, 54 Soviet tanks of the T-34 type have been unloaded in Stalin for use in that sector.

A base for Soviet submarines has been established at Sozopol.

Numerous changes have been made among high-ranking and subordinate Army personnel. Gen Marko Atanasov, who commanded the headquarters at Burgas, has been relieved. A group of political commissars has also been suspended for failure to promote political indoctrination among the troops. For the last 2 months, recruits have been instructed by Soviet specialists.

The mass deportations from southern Bulgaria to the northern sector of the country are also a part of military preparations. The first to be deported are the families of political prisoners and emigres. In the small village of Balgaren [Bolganka?], Kharmanli Okoliya, as many as 25 families have been deported.

According to the government, the Korean war has given moral support and encouragement to the kulaks and other hostile groups, and measures to repress any resistance to Communism must therefore be increased. -- Colonel Karadakov

BORDER VILLAGES TO INCREASE VIGILANCE -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 6 Dec 50

Berkovitsa Okoliya, located close to the Yugoslav border, must practice greater vigilance than areas less exposed to Titoist and kulak propaganda. The okoliya party organization is not exercising sufficient watchfulness. The particular indications of inadequate vigilance have not been carefully analyzed to aid the proper training of party members in border villages to achieve higher alertness. The population likewise has not been instructed in the swift identification of enemy activities.

Because of their dubious political background, many party committee members demonstrate a liberal and lax attitude in this regard. The okrug, okoliya, and town organizations of the party harbor many former legionnaires who fought against the Partisans, and some of them have even succeeded in becoming party members.

It is high time that these errors be remedied and that the organizations in the area establish efficient and reliable staffs.

ARMY PROMOTES HIGH SPEED FIRING -- Sofia, Izgrev, 10 Dec 50

The high-speed firing method introduced in the Soviet Army by Lieutenant Nemtsev is now being promoted in Bulgarian Army units. A group of high-speed riflemen is training under the leadership of a Bulgarian service man who returned temporarily from training in the USSR under the famous high-speed champion, Sergeant Nikola Kovachev. The groups practice in the new method during their free time.

Some of the men are already firing 45 rounds per minute, scoring 43 hits, and are rewarded with a promotion and a 10-day leave. The targets are usually placed at a distance of 200 meters. In August 1950, one of the men fired 50 rounds per minute, scoring 48 hits; and the latest record was 55 rounds with 53 hitting the target.

REPORTS NEW APPOINTMENT -- Stockholm, Ny Dag, 30 Dec 50

Gen Ivan Mihailov has been appointed vice-president of the Council of Ministers in Bulgaria.

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